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SUBJECT: PRC CONSUL GENERAL IN OSAKA DISCUSSES NORMALIZATION

1. ON 24 NOVEMBER T'IENT PING, PRC CONSUL-GENERAL IN OSAKA, TOLD VISITING EMBOFF THAT CHINA WILL NEVER NEGOTIATE THE THREE PRE-CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES (SEVER DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH TAIWAN; WITHDRAW ALL US MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM TAIWAN; AND, TERMINATE THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WITH TAIWAN). T'IENT COMPLAINED THAT CHINA ABOVE ALL CANNOT TOLERATE THE US-TAIWAN DEFENSE TREATY WHICH SETS CHINA FORTH AS MAIN ENEMY.
2. SPEAKING OF PLANS FOR UNITING TAIWAN, T'IENT SAID THAT CHINA WOULD KEEP HER PROMISE TO LIBERATE TAIWAN THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS. AUTONOMOUS STATUS WAS ONE POSSIBILITY. T'IENT SAID THAT IF CHIANG CHING-KUO REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH CHINA, CHINA WOULD BE PATIENT AND WAIT FOR ANOTHER GENERATION IF NECESSARY. T'IENT ADDED THAT CHINA HAD ALREADY WAITED TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS FOR THE LIBERATION OF TAIWAN AND WAS WILLING TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER TWO DECADES FOR IT.

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3. T'IENT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TAIWAN AT PRESENT HAD

HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING THAN THAT OF MAINLAND CHINA. WITH THIS IN MIND T'EN SAID THAT CHINA'S PLANS CALLED FOR SEPARATION OF ECONOMIC STRUCTURES BETWEEN CHINA AND TAIWAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE REUNION OF THE TWO AND THAT CHINA WOULD NOT ONLY STRIVE TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT STANDARD OF LIVING ON THE ISLAND BUT WOULD ALSO TRY HARD TO RAISE IT SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN WOULD SUPPORT THE NEW GOVERNMENT. SPEAKING IN THE SAME VEIN, T'EN FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT THE PEOPLE OF CHINA WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE BETTER THINGS AND A BETTER STYLE OF LIVING, AND WITH THE PURGE OF THE "GANG OF FOUR", CHINA AND CHINESE PEOPLE COULD NOW PURSUE THIS OBJECTIVE MORE VIGOROUSLY.

4. COMMENT: EMBOFF HAD MET T'EN 19 NOVEMBER AT RECEPTION IN TOKYO GIVEN BY CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN OFFICE. T'EN ASKED HIM TO CALL WHENEVER HE WAS IN OSAKA. NEXT WEEK, OFFICER WENT TO OSAKA ON OTHER BUSINESS AND FOLLOWED UP BY PHONING T'EN. T'EN INVITED EMBOFF TO COME TO CONSULATE, WHERE, OVER TEA, ABOVE CONVERSATION ENSUED. AFTER SOCIAL CHATTER WAS EXHAUSTED, T'EN VOLUNTEERED ABOVE COMMENTS WITH EMBOFF LISTENING POLITELY BUT NOT COMMENTING SUBSTANTIVELY.

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